been made under 'Museum' for the purchase of specimen models of Kathakali characters.

Uplift of the Depressed Classes continues to receive the usual attention. Adequate provisions have been made towards the further development of the schemes of water supply, colonies, special stipends, feeding and other activities of the department for promoting the welfare of the depressed classes.

Income-tax.—The department was re-organised in the course of the year and placed under a separate head of department. This accounts for the slight increase of expenditure under the head, the re-organisation having been found desirable in view of the department being a revenue-yielding one.

Miscellaneous.—Only the usual provisions have been made under the several minor heads which constitute this major head of account except under 'Subscriptions and Donations' and 'Contribution to Cranganur establishment charges'. Under the former head has been provided a sum of Rs. 10,000 being an instalment of the amount to be refunded to the Namburi Vidyalayam Committee, of which mention used to be made in the previous budgets. It may be observed here that in previous years this amount was debited to and provided for under the Education budget though the correct head of debit should have been 'Miscellaneous' to which it is now proposed to be debited, being a refund of an unclassified revenue.

Advances.—Provision has been made for the grant of advances for agricultural improvements to the extent usually necessary. In regard again to agricultural indebtedness, it may be remembered that no time was lost in organising the Land Mortgage Bank and the publication of the Regulation and Bye-laws after the special loan operations ceased. Provision has been made under 'Advances' both in the current year and the next for the grant of loan to the bank at 3 per cent interest up to the extent of Rs. 3 lakhs in any one period, when the amount is to be repaid by the bank by raising debentures.

CAPITAL OUTLAY.

9. Having done with the heads of ordinary expenditure charged to revenue, I shall deal with the heavy programme of Capital Outlay not charged to revenues amounting to Rs. 33·52 lakhs which we propose to incur in the coming year. Leaving aside Rs. 500 which may be required for making minor improvements to the Stoneware Factory, we come to 'Railway

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under which we expect to invest Rs. 3 lakhs. Of this a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs is for the Edappalli-Venduruthy re-alignment scheme to be taken up along with the fourth stage Harbour Works which are to begin immediately. The remaining sum of Rs. one lakh is for the probable requirement of the Shoranur Junction Remodelling after setting off receipts of the railway on account of sale of old materials.

Harbour.—Our commitments on Harbour have been set forth in lucid terms in the Diwan's memorable speech during a previous session of this House. According to the statement then given, the State has to meet by itself a proportionate outlay of Rs. 61 lakhs. As a result of further investigation of harbour requirements, our Government have been informed that an improved dredger costing about Rs. 21 lakhs is immediately required, orders therefor having been placed already. Two-thirds of the outlay required for it have to be found by the State, the total outlay bearable by the State for the fourth stage works being thus Rs. 75 lakhs roughly. Against this, a sum of Rs. 5·82 lakhs has been provided for this year in the revised estimate and Rs. 30 lakhs for the coming year including the sum of Rs. 14 lakhs payable for the new dredger.

Electrification.—The electrification of Nemmara is proposed to be taken up in the coming year, purely on a commercial basis, that is, if the scheme guarantees a proper return to the State for the service rendered. Opportunity is sought to be taken for this purpose for the utilisation of the released Government machinery that would be available when the electrification of Ernakulam by the Cochin Power Corporation is completed next year.

Other Capital Works.—Our beautifuf palm-fringed lagoons and canals, the sight of which the tourists enjoy so much, had from times immemorial formed the cheapest form of transport and it is a matter for gratification that it still continues so to some extent in spite of the railway and motor transport facilities. Government fully realise that the improvement and extention of this form of communication is essential for the economic uplift of the cultivators in the interland of Cochin so that they may convey the products of their toil to the harbour direct and that more cheaply without in any way competing with other forms of transport. As a first instalment of the outlay required for improving the water communications of the State, the Government have made a provision for the construction of a canal to connect Irinjalakkuda with the backwaters.

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Since the scheme is a commercial proposition which would bring back a return, it has been treated as a work of capital outlay. The provision made for the canal is Rs. 20,000. For the same reason, a provision of Rs. 16,000 has been made for the Appangat canal to afford irrigation facilities in the littoral tract.

INDUSTRIALISATION.

10. Cochin has had attempts made for bringing into existence a few industries—the Tanneries and the Potteries. The results were found disappointing, but further attempts are being made to resuscitate them. The Stone-ware Factory has been put on a re-organised working basis and better results are anticipated, the budget of the coming year showing profit of Rs. 26,000 against a loss of Rs. 16,000 in 1110 and Rs. 13,800 in the current year 1111. As regards the Tanneries also, efforts are made to set them working. The electrification of the important towns of Ernakulam and Trichur has long been under contemplation and the same has been made an accomplished fact by entrusting the work to a private limited company on terms as advantageous as could be thought of. A new textile company has been organised in the State and is in a fair way of progress. In order to give encouragement to these companies whereby they would be of benefit to the State in improving the economic condition and to relieve unemployment, the Government considered it essential that these concerns should be patronised by taking shares in them. As such monetary dealings are productive to the State they have been booked under 'Investment.' Government have proposed to take 2,000 shares in the Cochin Power and Light Corporation Ltd., at Rs. 10 per share and a provision of Rs. 12,000 has been made in the revised estimate of the current year and Rs. 8,000 in the budget estimate of the coming year. In the Cochin Textiles 1,500 preference shares have been taken at Rs. 100 per share, provision having been made for Rs. 37,500 this year and another Rs. 37,500 for the coming year, with stipulations regarding payment, in order to ensure safety for the investment.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT.

11. The cry has been that our municipalities of the three important towns of Mattancheri, Ernakulam and Trichur are lacking in funds for making improvements in their towns. No local Government can be expected to develop their towns and to increase the welfare of the citizens from the annual revenues

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